

## House Resolution No.

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens; and

**Whereas**, the members now pause to recognize Dr. Todd E White, who will resign his post as superintendent of the Harrisonville Cass R-IX School District at the end of the 2006-2007 school year, after twenty years of dedicated service; and

**Whereas**, Dr. White began as a social studies teacher and assistant football and wrestling coach at Harrisonville High School in 1987, and then served as assistant principal at the school for three years before being named the principal at Harrisonville Middle School in 1993; and

**Whereas**, in 1997, Dr. White became the Assistant Superintendent of Schools, and since 2000 he has served as the district's superintendent; and

**Whereas**, during his tenure, Dr. White has been instrumental in solidifying the district's financial situation, as he has guided the district from a condition of "financially distressed" to a current fund balance of more than twenty-eight percent; and

**Whereas**, Dr. White led the effort to move the district to become a Professional Learning Community with a strong emphasis in continuous school improvement, encouraging collaboration among teachers to plan effectively for student instruction, and restructuring the district's administrative services to concentrate on curriculum, instruction and assessment for both regular and special education students; and

**Whereas**, for four of the last five years, the district has earned the coveted Distinction in Performance award from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education; and

**Whereas**, in 2002, under Dr. White's leadership, the community approved a \$9 million bond issue to build additional classrooms, the commons area, and an auxiliary gym at Harrisonville High School, as well as renovate science labs at the school, and the bond also funded additional classrooms at McEowen Elementary, the construction of the maintenance and food service facility and the renovation of the Memorial Stadium:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our congratulations to Dr. Todd E. White and to wish him every success in his new position as Associate Superintendent of the North Kansas City School District; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Dr. Todd E. White.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Luke Scavuzzo  
District No. 124

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. \_\_\_\_, adopted \_\_\_\_, 2007.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker